

October 5, 2023

Series: "Zechariah – The Return of the King"

“The Prophet’s Night Visions”

Zechariah 1:8-21

Introduction

1. Zechariah 1 review
2. The arrangement of the 8 visions (1:7-6:8)

"... The arrangement of the visions follows a chiasmic pattern. The first and last bear a strong resemblance to one another, the second and third, sixth and seventh are pairs, and the fourth and fifth, with their assurance of God-given authoritative leaders, form the climax. All eight visions are meant to be interpreted as one whole, for each contributes to the total picture of the role of Israel in the new era about to dawn." (Joyce Baldwin, p. 93)

3. Principles for interpreting prophetic passages
 - Look for the interpretation provided in the text itself.
 - Make sure your interpretation of the symbols fits the immediate context.
 - Consider the context of the whole book in your interpretation.
 - Ground your interpretation of a symbol in other revelation in Scripture using the same imagery.
 - Understand the imagery in the historical context in which the vision was given.
 - Remember that revelation is progressive.
 - Realize the law of double fulfillment is often at play in futuristic prophecies.
 - If the literal sense makes sense seek no other sense!

The vision of the horsemen among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)

1. The vision (v7-11)

2. The angel's responses (v12-17)

The vision of the four horns and the four craftsmen (1:18-21)

Principles for Today

- God _____ and is engaged in your situation!
- Christ will _____ in the midst of your trials!
- Jerusalem is _____; keep your eyes on it!

Favorite Resources

1. *God's Grand Finale*; by Jeff Kinley
2. *Zechariah*; by John MacArthur
3. Tom Constable Notes on Zechariah; <https://planobiblechapel.org/tcon/notes/pdf/zechariah.pdf>
4. Chuck Missler online lectures on the book of Zechariah (YouTube)
5. *One Day Nearer*, by Steve Miller
6. Amir Tsarfati teachings, weekly newsletter, and books at Beholdisrael.org
7. *The End*, by Mark Hitchcock

Dates to remember

- Nov. 3-5 – Retirees Conf. @ Cannon Beach Conf. Center
- Nov. 16 – Author Steve Miller in person
- Dec. 5 – Christmas Lunch @ TCGC
- Feb. 1 – Zoom call with Mike Golay? (Behold Israel)
- March 14 – Olive Tree Ministries Prophecy Conf.
- May 2 – Last day of class (Israel Tour May 7-17)